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FOR: HITCH DEVICE HOLDING ASSEMBLY

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- X Specification with Claims, Abstract, & Declaration & Power of Attorney
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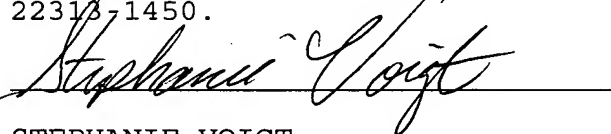
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Applicant(s) hereby requests that the application for the above-titled invention not be published under 35 USC § 122(b).

The application will therefore not be subject to the U.S.P.T.O. publication fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.18(d)--currently \$300.00.

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Applicant(s) reserves the right to rescind the above request for nonpublication according to the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.213(b).

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